



STRINGENT WATER RATIONING NOW IN EFFECT

BART is setting a good example of compliance with water-rationing restrictions during the dry summer season, according to David L. McGinnis, in charge of landscape maintenance for the Power and Way Department.

Cutting back on water used for landscape irrigation is only part of BART's compliance with area-wide water rationing; a ban has been placed on washing District maintenance and administrative vehicles; platform hosing has been replaced by spot hosing or swabbing; fountains have been turned off and restrictors installed on water supply lines to stations; and ground-water sources have been tapped.

BART obtains its water from six different agencies throughout the system. Each of them is imposing restrictions on the consumption of water, but the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which is BART's biggest supplier of water, is asking for the severest cut-back – a reduction of 50 percent from 1986.

Actually, McGinnis points out, the water rationing restrictions won't hit BART as hard as they will a typical suburban homeowner with extensive lawns and flowers.

BART's landscaping totals approximately 1,220 acres, but only about an acre of that is grass. "The grass will probably suffer, but our other landscaping should do okay," he says.

Most of the plants, trees and shrubs along BART's right-of-way and around its stations were selected for their ability to live through the normally dry summers in the Bay Area. Tamalpais junipers and rock roses, for example, are well adapted to the relatively dry conditions of the area.

Several varieties of local ivy are used, McGinnis says, to prevent soil erosion and curtail the amount of water runoff. These varieties do well in the Bay Area.

The District uses an Automatic irrigation system that provides water on a carefully controlled schedule, usually at night to keep evaporation to a minimum. BART has cut its watering schedule to one time a week instead of three times a week, during late Sunday night and early Monday morning.

Approximately 30 landscape maintenance workers are split among three zones: the San Francisco-Fremont



Honorato Limosenero (left photo) and Silvestre Silva (right) are among 30 landscape maintenance employees working to keep BART grounds neat and beautiful. The workers have the responsible task of protecting the District's valuable landscape investment. Many areas contain such drought-resistant plants as the Toyon shrub, Mission Olive tree, agapanthus ground cover and gazania (pictured above), giving them an excellent chance of surviving the dry summer months ahead, said grounds foreman Roy Baxter. Much of BART's landscaping is safeguarded by an automatic irrigation system which provides water on a carefully controlled schedule. In addition to Limosenero, Silva and Baxter, other employees in BART's grounds department are: Dave McGinnis, Jesse Perez, Antonio Gallegos, Roy Higashi, Ben Burnett, Gordon Carter, Bill Huber, Willie Holmes, Jose Sepulveda, Ray Medina, Jose Camarillo, Vern Rose, Gordon Reed, John Gordon, Gustavo Selva, E.J. Hebert, Charles Madsen, Ken Horne, Jose Boada, Ricardo Pena, Sandi Martineau, Ted Gonzalez, Gary Martineau, Gary Hodge, Robert Mina, Phillip Petagara, Robert Bianco and Dan Riordan.

line, the Richmond and Concord lines, and the shop crew based at BART's Oakland Shop.

Routine landscape maintenance is generally carried out during the spring and summer, but "With winter storms, things stop being routine and we have some late nights," says Roy Baxter, foreman of the Fremont-San Francisco zone.

The other foremen are Jess Perez, Concord-Richmond, and George Wachtel, Oakland Shop.

Heavy pruning, tree trimming, pest control, hedge cutting, clearing the ballast and unclogging ditch drains are all part of the job. A major priority is to spot and fix any holes in the fences that parallel BART's right-of-way.

There is also a major rule with BART's maintenance crews: "We never – and I mean never – interfere with main line operations," McGinnis emphasizes. **b**

'BART NITE' WINNER



Station agent Corine Tyson, one of 50 employees who won a pair of tickets to "BART Night at the A's Game," watches as KSFO-KYA disc jockey Steve Garland announces David Lee the winner of a three-day two-night stay at Lakeland Village in South Lake Tahoe.

BART 'Mail Lady' Likes Her Job and the Bay Area----- Even the Earthquakes

Ask a BART staff member at the Lake Merritt Administration building if he or she knows Doretha Bethune-Butler. You'll get a lot of replies of, "Who?"

But if your question is, "Do you know Dory?" the answer will most likely be, "Sure! She's the 'Mail Lady.'"

It's a certainty that Dory knows more people — and more people know her — than anyone else at BART.

Dory joined BART more than two years ago and has been delivering mail at LMA since her first day on the job. And from that first day, her friendly, irrepressible personality and her competent, efficient performance have earned her respect and affection.

"I fell in love with this job," Dory says, "because there are some pretty nice people at BART. You can talk to them and still do a good job."

A typical day for Dory begins before 8:30 a.m. in the mailroom on LMA's concourse level close to BART Police headquarters. Dory's supervisor, Jeff Ferris, picks up mail from the post office on Alice Street. At BART the mail is sorted by Dory and her co-workers, Ken Evans, Lorene Bennett and Curtis Kealohopauole. Dory then starts her rounds at LMA, while Kealohopauole heads for the MTC building and Evans heads for BART facilities in Hayward, Richmond, Concord and Union City.

Dory makes from four to five runs a day at LMA, making a last pick-up around 4 p.m. in order to meet a U.S. Mail pick-up at LMA at 4:30.

"I can honestly say there's nothing about my job I don't like," Dory says. "I like being out in the public and I wouldn't like being shut away at a desk."

Dory was brought up in Orlando, Florida, and worked for a while at Disneyworld, but as she puts it, I thought there had to be more to the world than Florida," and she set out for California



Doretha Bethune-Butler — "Dory" to most of the folks at LMA — keeps active with her mail deliveries, which she performs with cheerful efficiency using her customized mail cart. The orchids and "Ernie" puppet are gifts from two of her many friends at BART.

with a friend several years ago.

She has two grown daughters and four grandchildren living in Florida. She and her husband live close enough to LMA that Dory walks to work.

Her hobbies include writing poetry and reading — "It's good for your mind" — and dancing. "I like Salsa dancing. There are some wonderful Latin bands in the area."

She has combined her knowledge of West Indies cooking, learned from her parents, with her acquired knowledge of California cooking. "I like to cook and what I fix is a mixture of things I learned as a child and what I've seen here in California," she says.

Dory is a real booster of the Bay Area's climate and other amenities. "I like it here," she says. "I even like the earthquakes! I feel like I'm on the edge of the world." **b**



SUN FLIPS

Flipping an opponent to the mat, Norene Sun, an electronics technician at BART's Richmond Yard, demonstrates the self-defense art of Aikido.

Sun has been interested in movement and action ever since her parents took her as a child to watch acrobats. Recently she was ranked as a black belt after more than four years of training. Aikido seeks to divert harm from yourself while not inflicting permanent injury on an attacker.

The four-foot eleven-inch Sun finds Aikido a challenge and says it provides a balance between being aggressive and being feminine.

Gus De La Torre Elected President of Association

Gus de la Torre, BART's Affirmative Action program manager, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the San Francisco-East Bay chapter of the Personnel Management Association of Aztlan.

The Association is comprised primarily of men and women of Hispanic background who hold management positions in the field of Affirmative Action, benefits, labor relations and other aspects of human resources.

The local chapter has approximately 150 members who represent corporations, educational institutions and governmental agencies. BART is also represented in the local chapter by Anita Cadena Sanchez, personnel recruiter, and Victor Martinez, Affirmative Action representative.

The group seeks to promote beneficial human resources policies and practices, with a focus on women and minorities, especially of Hispanic origin. **b**



The local chapter is involved in several projects, including one to increase the number of Hispanic students who go on to college from high school, and another to provide a skills bank to aid people looking for a job and employers seeking to fill positions.

BART NEWS SERVICE

For a recorded message on BART's morning commute service, call ext. 7124 anytime after 10 a.m. The message gives a rating and summary of the morning's 6-8 a.m. train service and the previous day's patronage. Special events, holiday service and other items are mentioned as well.



For several issues, ScuttleBART was "out of service," but have we got something for you.

When BARTalk makes an error, it is no small one. As a matter of fact, it sometimes is a very large one.

Take for instance, Carl Johnson – *Lieutenant* Carl Johnson, whom we incorrectly identified as *Sgt.* Carl Johnson. We wish to correct this and to recognize Lt. Johnson for his excellent service to BART and the BART Police Department.

And heavens no, we're not out to get BART Police, but on page 3 the photo of Officer Glen Nunes with Sgt. Gary Gee was juxtaposed with the photo of Sgt. Mark Howard, which meant the captions were reversed. And if you're confused by this, you're not alone.

Now comes the real kicker: on page 7, in the photo of reporters and photographers as Henry Youngman announces the winners of BART's one-liner contest, we gave San Francisco Examiner columnist Steve Rubenstein a new first name.

We regret these errors and promise to do better.

By the way, when you spot an error in BARTalk that needs correcting, please give us a call on x7116 and talk with Sandy Tibbets.

Not to be outdone by any other employee, it was brought to ScuttleBART's attention that Stanley Jiggetts has had, for the past eleven years, a perfect attendance record. Jiggetts is a train operator out of the Concord Transportation Office. This item came to ScuttleBART by way of Gene Nixon, the C-line transportation supervisor. Way to go, Stan!

Recently Cindy Anderson, senior engineer for Budget and Capital Programs was appointed to the Advisory Board, Division of Engineering, San Francisco State University. Anderson was appointed to this heretofore all-male advisory board by the President of SF State.

Congrats, Cindy. We're proud of you!

While we are handing out "pats on the back," we have not had the opportunity to let everyone know that Dick

LUCKY WINNERS



Randy McCluney (right) and Richard Chavez (second from left) were the two big winners in BART's recent "Hats Off to the Transit Team" contest drawing. Randy, a 15-year veteran BART employee, says he plans to take his wife and two of his grandchildren on the five-day, four-night Grand Prize trip to Walt Disney World in Florida. The prize includes round-trip airfare for four persons, hotel accommodations, meals and admission to Disney World and Epcot Center.

Rick Chavez, a Hayward train operator who has worked for BART nine years, won a trip to Acapulco for eight days and seven nights.

In addition to the trip giveaways, smaller prizes were awarded to 10 other employees whose entries were drawn at random from the hundreds received. Anthony Kelly (left), a Field Services foreworker, won a Regal coffee percolator, and Jerry Robinson of BART's Purchasing Department won a tote bag.

All 12 winning entries were drawn by BART Board member Margaret Pryor before a small gathering of employees on the first floor of LMA the morning of May 23.

And now a few words on this year's Bay to Breakers: the BART centipede finished the run — minus a few legs — but everyone had a great time. And ScuttleBART's happy to report that out of nearly 100,000 runners in the 'Breakers' race, BART General Counsel Sherwood Wakeman came in #887. Also, Dick Pasini of Safety ran and made a very respectful showing as the 1,502nd runner to cross the finish line. Ain't bad for either one of these BART folks.

One last note, we plan to enter the BART train centipede again next year, but this time we will go for time. Pete Avalos, Oakland Shops (x6652) would like to hear from you if you want to run in the train centipede, but it is going to require some training.

That's about it for now. Send your ScuttleBART items or BARTALK story ideas to Sy Moubert or Sandy Tibbets, LMA-1, x7116. We want to hear from you! **b**

Wenzel, and 11-year BART employee, has been promoted to Manager, Planning. Best of luck to you, Dick, in your well-deserved promotion. By the way, Wenzel is a major in the U.S. Army Reserve, so if you have reason to be in contact with him and he's on military leave, rest assured that Wenzel is out there guarding us against whatever may come along.

There's a new boy on the block in Capital Programs Control. John Gee, who has extensive background in construction engineering, budgeting and cost control, holds a mechanical engineering license and a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University. Welcome to BART, John Gee.

On June 1 Norman Czekalski was awarded \$191 for his suggestion concerning Cubic ticket vending equipment. Utilizing Czekalski's suggestion, the District was able to save \$1,910.

RTA Hosts Seminar

In May the Regional Transit Association hosted a one day seminar on transit business opportunities. Principal speaker was Robert G. Owens, director of the Office of Civil Rights for the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration. Another invited official from UMTA was Regional Director Brigid Hynes-Cherin (right).

John Mack (center), BART Affirmative Action Department Manager, moderated a panel on "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Special Issues" and how to deal with them when approaching the public transit industry.

On the left is Bill Hein, Deputy Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The MTC assists the RTA in its role of sharing information and undertaking projects of mutual concern and benefit to local transit agencies.

At the May seminar three concurrent workshops were held to make small businesses owned and controlled by women and disadvantaged individuals become more aware of business opportunities among major transit properties in the Bay Area.



CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATED

The BART Employees Cinco de Mayo Committee held their annual event amid sunshine and blue skies at Lake Merritt Plaza May 5. Members of the committee taking time out from the singing, dancing and speeches to smile for the camera are (left to right): Ken Meyers, Charlie Alexander, Pete Avalos, Bob Bianco, Chris Ortiz, Victor Martinez, Jose Boada, Anita Sanchez, Angeles Mercado, Linda Ramirez, Linda Vasquez, Lynn Ragghianti and Berta Uriarte.

Either the hat's too small or the head's too big. Sy Moubert, BARTalk Editor and Manager of Public Information, hams it up at the Cinco De Mayo awards dinner held at the California Ballroom in Oakland. With Moubert is Gus De La Torre of BART's Affirmative Action Department, who emceed the event. Anita Cadena Sanchez is in the left background and De La Torre's wife, Aida, is seated at the table.

Come on Down!

The price is always right at BART's "Lost and Found Auction," coming July 30 at 9 a.m. on the plaza at Lake Merritt Station. The public and BART employees may bid on any of the hundreds of unclaimed items found on BART. Al Verduzco (x6376) expects to have a comprehensive list ready about a week before the event, so mark your calendar.

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